

American Sign Language

The State Board of Education (SBE) has approved standards for preparing teachers to earn an American Sign Language (ASL) endorsement. This endorsement, American Sign Language (FS), is currently being offered at [Michigan universities](#).

ASL is considered a world language and may be used for world language graduation credit.

Currently, a **certified** and Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SL) endorsed teacher able to demonstrate an ASL proficiency level of 3 on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) or an Intermediate+ on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI), may be assigned to teach an ASL course at the K-12 grade level.

Districts may wish to contact the [Low Incidence Outreach](#) office within the Michigan Department of Education for information about the ASLPI.

Additional information regarding appropriate placement of teachers can be found in the [Quick Reference: Courses That Can Be Taught](#) and the [Proper Placement Considerations](#) documents. If a certified teacher does not hold the appropriate endorsement or is not available for the position, additional options for placement exist. Michigan has developed a [system of permits](#) that is structured to support the appropriate placement beliefs outlined in this document.